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1. SEPTEMBER BERLIN AIR TRAFFIC WAS UP CONSIDERABLY OVER AUGUST, ALMOST AS HIGH AS SEPTEMBER 1972 (TOTAL PASSENGERS DROPPED ONLY 1.3 PERCENT). THIS IS INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO SAY DECLINING TREND HAS BEEN REVERSED BUT IS MODESTLY ENCOURAGING. BEA SEPTEMBER PASSENGERS ACTUALLY EXCEEDED SEPTEMBER 1972.

2. FRG AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS' SLOWDOWN CONTINUES TO AFFECT BERLIN TRAFFIC, ALTHOUGH SIGNIFICANT DELAYS HAVE OCCURRED ONLY ON SPORADIC BASIS (E.G., AT END OF SEPTEMBER). CONTINUING POSSIBILITY OF DELAY UNDOUBTEDLY DISCOURAGES SOME AIR TRAVEL. DECLINE IN PASSENGERS FROM

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THIS CAUSE IN SEPTEMBER WAS APPARENTLY OFFSET BY

HEAVY TRAFFIC FOR BERLIN RADIO AND TELEVISION EXHIBITION
AND BY FACT THAT BUSINESS TRAVEL NORMALLY PICKS UP IN
SEPTEMBER, AND BUSINESSMEN ARE NOT AS PRONE TO SWITCH TO
TRAVEL BY SURFACE MEANS AS ARE SUMMER VACATIONERS.

3. ATC SLOWDOWN HAS FORCED PANAM TO CANCEL MORE FLIGHTS
THAN BEA, LARGELY BECAUSE BEA HAS SPARE AIRCRAFT ON
GROUND IN BERLIN EVEN DURING RUSH MORNING HOURS AND CAN
BRING IN MORE FROM LONDON, WHEREAS PANAM HAS TIGHTER
SCHEDULE AND USES ALL AVAILABLE AIRCRAFT DURING
PEAK PERIODS. UNDER-UTILIZATION OF BEA AIRCRAFT,
TOGETHER WITH SUCH PRACTICES AS BILLETING CREWS AT
HILTON ON REGULAR BASIS, CONTRIBUTES TO BEA FINANCIAL
PROBLEM ON IGS. BEA ALLEGED LOSS OF 3 MILLION POUNDS PER YEAR IS
CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN PROBABLE SAVING IF 10,000 FOOT CEILING
REMOVED (PANAM ESTIMATES CEILING COSTS IT DOLS 1.3 MILLION
PER YEAR). KLEIN

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